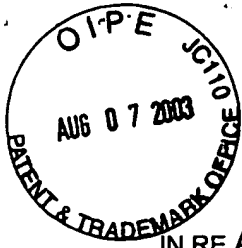


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IN RE APPLICATION OF: DARIN L. PETERSON ET AL.

APPLICATION No.: 09/420,659

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FOR: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR
RETAINING A TRAY STACK HAVING A
PLURALITY OF TRAYS FOR CARRYING
MICROELECTRONIC DEVICES**

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Sir:

The present communication responds to the Office Action dated May 7, 2003 in the above-identified application. In accordance with the revised amendment format requested in *Amendments in a Revised Format Now Permitted*, 1267 OG 106 (2/25/03), please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

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